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General Cook came to see me this morning. He has replaced Tom Handy in command of our forces in Europe. He is a nice fellow and I am looking forward to seeing more of him later.

I went to call on Alphand, who is naturally troubled over what may take place at Geneva, especially in view of the fall of Dien Bien Phu. I told him I thought it essential to press forward rapidly to the signature of the protocols and for Schumann and Hallstein to ready up a Saar agreement -- if necessary, leaving certain major points unsettled -- for consideration by Messrs. Adenauer and Bidault.

I had lunch with André de Staercke and we discussed some of the problems raised by Alphand. He and I will probably go to Brussels or Strasbourg next week to talk everything over with Spaak.

Lansing Warren came to see me this afternoon, and afterwards Johnny Williams. This is Johnny's first visit to Paris since he went off some years ago to work for his father-in-law in Brazil. I had strongly advised him to do so and I think he was wise in following this course. His father-in-law apparently has enormous business interests there, the management of which may some day devolve on Johnny.

I left on the 6:50 train for Strasbourg this evening and put up at the Nouvel Hotel, a rather shabby caravansary.

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